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AN UNPOSTED LETTER

How bitter must the smile
Of the wise Future be
Behind her veil!
O letter of last year,
Can my hopes and aims,
    Like moons,
Have changed so?
Those dead desires,
Like shriveled fruits,
Hang, shamed,
On the bough of time.

NOCTURNE

The veil of light slipped
From the sky:
Only greyness.
And in the valley
One home light—
Not mine.

I most remember, then,
Shadows of boughs
Lattice-wise falling
On white walls
Of my home
Beneath the moon.

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